

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I disapprove, and am vetoing and filing with the Secretary of State House Bill No. 781.

When this bill was originally introduced, it was in a form which I could have readily embraced. Increased license suspension periods and enhanced penalties for the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors were among its desirable provisions.

But during the legislative process, the better features were removed and weakened. Less meaningful penalty provisions were substituted. In truth and in fact, although some desirable features purportedly remain, the original intent is destroyed and the following far-reaching, objectionable features are included:

1. House Bill No. 781 would adversely and needlessly affect the job opportunities of some 26,000 young people in the State of Texas under the age of twenty-one years.

2. Through the years, housewives have traditionally purchased wine for cooking and table purposes in connection with their food purchases in grocery stores who hold wine-only permits. House Bill 781 would, conceivably, compel most grocers to discontinue the sale of wine, thereby, forcing housewives to enter retail package stores for their wine purchases.

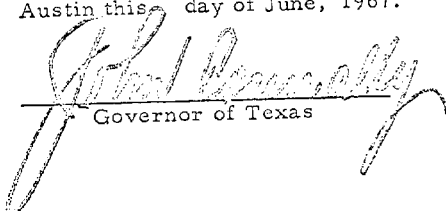
3. In addition to grocery stores, a large number of other retail outlets, including drug stores, other general mercantile establishments, and hotels, all long-time package store and wine-only permittees, could be forced to discontinue the sale of products permitted by these permits. The beneficiaries of the financial loss suffered by these merchants will be retail

package stores. It is abundantly clear that this legislation, as a result of late-hour amendments, was designed for the special interest of package store operators.

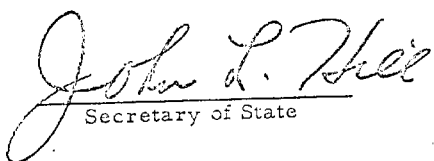
I see no need of disrupting a substantial segment of the food merchandising industry in this state and of denying beneficial and wholesome employment to thousands of individuals now employed when such changes are without constructive social purpose and merely serve the financial interests of retail package stores.

House Bill No. 781 was received in the Governor's Office on May 29, 1967, less than 10 days prior to the adjournment of the Regular Session of the 60th Legislature, and in accordance with Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Texas, the Bill, together with this Proclamation, is filed with the Secretary of State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I  
have hereunto signed my name  
officially and caused the seal of  
State to be affixed hereto at  
Austin this      day of June, 1967.

  
Governor of Texas

By the Governor:

  
Secretary of State